

INSTRUCTING MANAGERS IN THE IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE KENT TO ADVISE THE SENATE THAT THE HOUSE DOES NOT DESIRE FURTHER TO URGE THE ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee Task Force on Judicial Impeachment that was directed to inquire whether Judge Samuel B. Kent should be impeached, I rise to discuss the resolution before the House today and urge its adoption.

On June 19, 2009, the House of Representatives voted to impeach Samuel B. Kent, judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, for high crimes and misdemeanors. Four Articles of Impeachment were agreed to without dissent.

On June 24, 2009, I was joined by the other House Managers in this matter in presenting the Articles of Impeachment to the United States Senate, whereupon proceedings were commenced. Later that day, Judge Kent was served with a summons by the Senate Sergeant at Arms, commanding an answer to the Articles of Impeachment. Upon being served, Judge Kent tendered his resignation to the President of the United States, effective June 30, 2009, which was accepted by the President.

On July 6, 2009, the managers on the part of the House advised the Senate, sitting as a court of impeachment in this proceeding, of the resignation and its acceptance, and further advised the Senate that the managers had determined to recommend to the House that the pending impeachment proceedings in the Senate be discontinued.

Given that Samuel B. Kent is no longer a civil officer of the United States, having ceased to be a judge, the managers on the part of the House of Representatives respectfully recommend that the impeachment proceedings pending in the Senate be discontinued.

The resolution before us today instructs the House Managers to return to the Senate, to inform the Senate that, in light of Samuel Kent's resignation, the House no longer seeks to urge the articles of impeachment in trial before the Senate. This will enable the Senate to dispense with the pending trial.

I wish to emphasize that, although the Senate trial has proved unnecessary, the House has fulfilled its purpose of seeking to remove from office a judge who had committed high crimes and misdemeanors rendering him unfit to continue serving.

I would like to thank all my House colleagues for helping bring this matter to a successful result—and particularly my colleague BOB GOODLATTE of Virginia, the Ranking Member of the Impeachment Task Force, for his leadership.

I urge the House to adopt this resolution.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I have received in the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act and the Energy and Water Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alachua County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 12 South East 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Description of Request: I have secured \$900,000 for Alachua County, FL. Alachua County will use the funds to provide an integrated, coordinated continuum of care using evidenced-based practices where there will be “no wrong door” to enter treatment. Persons will be assessed and provided with a level of treatment consistent with individual need. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Devereux Kids Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 1629 NW 4th Street, Suite 102, Ocala, FL 34475

Description of Request: I have secured \$200,000 for Devereux Kids Florida. The funding will be used by Devereux Kids Florida to provide support services and interdiction on behalf of children has been delegated to regional coordinating bodies and local community-based organizations. Devereux Kids has developed a successful model of providing information, family services and reunification services which currently serves 10 counties. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 2847

Account: Department of Justice, OJP—Juvenile Justice

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: ARISE Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 824 US Highway 1, Suite 240, North Palm Beach, FL 33408

Description of Request: I have secured \$550,000 for the ARISE Foundation. The funding will be used by the ARISE Foundation to provide Florida Juvenile Justice Staff on a state-wide basis with in depth training and specialized ARISE Life Management Skills lessons to conduct guided group discussions with incarcerated high-risk youth. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 315 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778

Description of Request: I have secured \$800,000 for Lake County, FL. The funding will be used by Lake County, FL to provide a desperately needed full-time dedicated Emergency Operations Center for Lake County, FL. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corp of Engineers—Construction
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Jacksonville Port Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 2831 Talleyrand Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32206

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 for the Jacksonville Port Authority. The funding will be used by the Jacksonville Port Authority for continuing construction for dredging improvements due to both safety and economic risks posed by the narrowness of the channel, as recommended by the Army Corps of Engineers. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: DOE—EERE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Central Florida Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: Post Office Box 1388, Ocala, FL 34478

Description of Request: I have secured \$300,000 for Central Florida Community College. The funding will be used by Central Florida Community College to purchase and install equipment to reduce energy losses, use energy more efficiently, and capture energy from natural sunlight. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: DOE—Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition

Address of Requesting Entity: 15 Southeast Osceola Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

Description of Request: I have secured \$750,000 for the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition. The funding will be used by the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition to build upon proven, biologically-inspired technology to create a system-centric defense infrastructure for SCADA systems that will greatly improve their intrinsic resilience to environmental effects and malicious attacks. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I missed the following rollcall votes on July 20, 2009